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SUBJECT: TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM THAI HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUG 5, 1977 FROM THE OCTOBER 6 DETAINEES' RELATIVES GROUP, BANGKOK, THAILAND, ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT, AND DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON AUG 29: QUOTE: MR PRESIDENT: WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE RELATIVES OF THOSE DETAINEES OF THE OCT 6, 1976 INCIDENT IN THAILAND, ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SINCERE CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS PROFOUND OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR GREAT EFFORT TO HONOR THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. AS YOU ARE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WE ARE OF GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE IN A HISTORIC POSITION TO MAKE AN ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION, THROUGH YOUR PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY, FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DECLARATION. WE, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT YOUR NOBLE EFFORT WOULD EFFECTIVELY INFLUENCE OTHER LEADERS OF ALL NATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE LIKewise FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE FOR ALL CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

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3. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE STILL MANY OF THOSE IN THAILAND WHO ARE PRESENTLY BEING DEPRIVED AND/OR DENIED OF THEIR UNIVERSAL RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS DISTINCTIVELY GUARANTEED BY THE SAID UN CHARTER; ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE UNDER DETENTION IN THAI JAILS FOR THEIR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE OCTOBER 6, 1976 INCIDENT. OUR CASE IN POINT IS THE PRESENT

GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN A SUBJECT OF SCRUTINY BEFORE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONDUCTING HEARINGS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAS UNJUSTIFIABLY VIOLATED THE U.N. UNIVERSAL SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 10 AND ARTICLE 11.1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, WE HAVE ALSO ENCLOSED COPIES OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS AND LETTERS TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE US CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND.

4. WE HOPE THAT YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION AND MORAL COMMITMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD GENERATE SOME POSITIVE ACTIONS FOR THE BENEFITS OF THOSE PRESENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN THAILAND. ALSO, WE WISH WITH HIGHEST RESPECT THAT THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAILAND WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ORDER TO HONOR AND PRESERVE THE SACRED RIGHTS OF MANKIND.

5. PLEASE EXPEDITE YOUR ACTION SINCE ALL DETAINEES ARE FACING SEVERE PENALTY WITHOUT ANY HOPE OF OBTAINING A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIAL. EVERYONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THEM, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, IS HIGHLY CONSCIOUS OF THEIR RIGHTS ENDOWED AND GUARANTEED TO THEM BY THE UN CHARTER AND EVERYONE CONCERNED WOULD BY HIGHLY GRATEFUL OF YOUR CONCERN AND IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL. END QUOTE. RESPECTFULLY YOURS, WATCHARA SANGPRATOOM, 29/7 ARTORNUPATUM, PRACHARAT 1 ROAD, BANGPHO, DUSIT, BANGKOK 8, THAILAND, TEL: 5851741. O'DONOHUE

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